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Hoosick Falls prepares for first state hearing on PFOA contamination

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HOOSICK FALLS, N.Y. (NEWS10) – The first of several state legislative hearings regarding water contamination will take place on Tuesday.

The state senate will hold the hearing in the village of Hoosick Falls where residents have been [dealing with PFOA contamination](#). People there have been pushing for the hearings for weeks.

They have several unanswered questions.

“Who didn’t do their job?” Loreen Hackett asked. “That’s the big question.”

Many have wondered the same thing for months.

“The Cuomo administration knew about this,” Michelle Baker said. “Why did you do this to our children?”

Hackett and Baker have been on the front lines when it comes to fighting for legislative hearings.

“We have been working on this for weeks,” Baker said. “We are ready. And we will get the answers Hoosick Falls deserves.”

They have been trying to find out why the people of Hoosick Falls were allowed to drink water tainted with the contaminant PFOA even though it was unsafe.

“It’s just so disturbing,” Hackett said. “Why didn’t someone stop and say, ‘Whoa, these people are drinking poison water. Let’s address that first.’”

They’re hoping Tuesday’s hearing will bring answers. Hackett and Baker are both on the list of speakers. Hackett showed NEWS10 ABC reporter [Ayla Ferrone](#) part of her speech.

“I’ve been reading over the public health laws left and right,” she said. “I’ve read down the New York State Constitution. I’ve read their job descriptions.”

Hackett said those in power failed the people of Hoosick Falls. And she’s not the only one.

A billboard went up on Monday one mile from the high school where the hearings will be held.

“When there is a problem, speak up,” Baker said. “We all need clean, safe drinking water to survive.”

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation announced on Monday the [dump in town is a potential superfund site](#), but Baker said it’s too little too late.

“We knew these areas were bad,” she said. “We knew they should have been a superfund site back then.”

Baker will be going into the hearing like she starts every day – with her family on her mind and, yet, another question.

“What can I do to help them and the people of Hoosick Falls,” she said.

The hearings begin at 10:30 a.m.